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THE Court and Miniſtry here are under the greateſt Conſternation, upon the Progreſſes of the Confederate Army under the Earl of Galway, which having poſſeſſed it ſelf of Alcantara, and taken Priſoners 12 Battalions, the Flower of the Spaniſh Infantry, that were in Gariſon there, is advanced to Coria; that Town, and all other Places near which it paſſed, ſubmitting to the Allies, with Demonſtrations of a general Diſpoſition in favour of the Houſe of Auſtria; from which we expect the worſt Conſequences to the French Intereſt, not having a ſufficient number of Troops on this ſide to keep the Spaniards in awe, or to make head againſt the Confederates. Orders have thereupon been ſent to the Conde de las Torres, who, taking Advantage from the March of the Earl of Peterborow with the beſt part of his Troops to the Relief of Barcelona, had reduced Xativa, Alzira, and ſome other ſmall Places in the Kingdom of Valentia, to come forthwith into Caſtile, to reinforce the Duke of Berwick: The Dutcheſs of Anjou has aſſembled the Grandees, and in a very Pathetick Speech deſired their Aſſiſtance: The Knights of the Three Military Orders are required to take Arms, for the Defence of the Government; which Summons it is doubted will be obeyed by few: And the Council of the Meſta, that has the Care of our Woollen Trade, has been forced to lay an unuſual Impoſition upon that Commodity which will compleat the Ruine of our Commerce, that is already greatly impaired by the War. By all our Accounts from the Camp before Barcelona, our Troops meet daily with unexpected Difficulties in that Siege, which conſumes great Numbers of their Men; and we begin to talk very diſpondingly of its Succeſs, eſpecially ſince the Advices we have lately received, which are confirmed by a Courier come in this Day, that the Confederate Fleet is come into the Mediterranean.

From the French Camp at Rivoli, May 2. The Imperialiſts having quitted Gavardo, Salo, and ſeveral other Poſts in the Breſcian, the Duke of Vendoſme detached the Marquis de St. Fremont the 25th paſt towards the Poleſines, to obſerve their Troops on that ſide; and at the ſame time ſent Count Albergotti to ſecure the Paſſes of Monte-Baldo, whom he followed with the reſt of the Army. The Count accordingly paſſed the Rivers Chieſe and Mincio with great diligence; but coming to Monte-Baldo, he found the Germans had prevented him, poſting themſelves very advantagiouſly at a Place called La Ferrara, at the bottom of thoſe Hills, where they had caſt up an Intrenchment, too ſtrong to be attacked, without running the greateſt Hazard. He therefore came back to this Place, where the Duke of Vendoſme arriving the 30th, he thought fit to make a Halt here; and has given Orders for the making of a Line from this Place to Garda, to preſerve a Communication with the Breſcian by the Lake di Garda, and ſecure the Magazines he is erecting at Lazice and Bardolino.

Trent, May 2. Our Loſs at Calcinato is ſo much leſſened by the return of our Men who were then diſperſed, that there are now not 2000 miſſing of the Number we had before that Action. Our Army is come into the Veroneſe, and a ſeparate Body, under the Comand of Count Harrach, has taken Poſt at the foot of the Hills of Monte-Baldo, where they were attacked by the French, but repulſed them with conſiderable Loſs, being ſo ſtrongly intrenched, that it is impoſſible to force them from thence. The Imperialiſts, by ſecuring themſelves of this Poſt, have put a ſtop to the Progreſſes of the Enemy, and have preſerved the Communication between this Country and the Army, which will ſhortly be enabled, by the Reinforcements that are marching to join it, to make head againſt the French, and ſoon to diſpoſſeſs them of the Advantages they have gained by their late Succeſs.

Vienna, May 5. The Electors of Cologne and Bavaria being put to the Ban of the Empire, the Sentence againſt them was declared the 28th paſt with great Solemnity, the Emperor being preſent, ſitting on his Throne, and attended by the great Officers of State, and the reſt of the Nobility. The Princeſs Ragotzi having obtained Leave of the Emperor to go to the Prince her Husband, went from hence the 30th paſt for Tirnau, where the Negociation for appeaſing the Troubles in Hungary is carrying on with good Hopes of Succeſs. Count Schlick, Commiſſary-General, and Count Schonborn, Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, have lately been ſworn of the Emperor's Privy-Council.

From Prince Lewis's Camp near Stolhoffen, May 10. The two Bodies of the Enemy's Forces, commanded one by the Marſhal de Villars, the other by the Marſhal de Marcin, being joined togthher, advanced the 30th paſt to our Lines between Biſweyler and Haguenau; whereupon Prince Lewis, finding his Troops very much outnumber'd by thoſe of the Enemy, thought fit to retire from thence, and the firſt Inſtant we marched to Druſenheim, where we paſſed the Rhine, and came into theſe Lines, intending to wait here for the coming up of thoſe Forces of which this Army is to be compoſed, that have not yet joined us. The Enemy ſent two Detachments, one to attack Druſenheim, the other to beſiege Haguenau. The former of theſe Places not being tenable, the Gariſon retired, and is ſince arrived here; the other ſtill makes a vigorous Defence. The Marſhal de Villars encamped at Lauterbourg; and it not being practicable to attempt any thing further, the Marſhal de Marcin has left him, and is marching with a ſtrong Detachment towards the Netherlands.

Maſtricht, May 14. The 9th Inſtant in the Afternoon his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, accompanied by Monſieur d'Auverquerque, left the Hague, and came the next Morning to Utrecht, from whence his Grace proceeded that Day to Genep. His Grace came the 11th to Ruremond, and arrived at this Place the 12th about Two in the Afternoon: They were received here, as they had likewiſe been at the other Gariſons through which they paſſed, by the Governors and other Principal Officers, who met them at ſome Diſtance out of Town, and ſaluted at their Entrance by a triple Diſcharge of the Cannon. Monſieur d'Auverquerque went the ſame Night to the Army of the States General, which is aſſembled near Tongeren, and conſiſts of about 55 Battalions and 90 Squadrons. My Lord Duke went thither Yeſterday to ſee thoſe Troops: His Grace came back in the Evening, and deſigns to take his Quarters in the Camp to morrow.

From the Camp at Tongeren, May 17. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough is come hither from Maſtricht, and went this Morning with Monſieur d'Auverquerque

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